

CLAIMS

1. (original) Dye carrier composition containing oxidative and/or nonoxidative dyes, characterized in that it contains a combination of
 - (a) 6.1 to 25 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 20 carbon atoms,
 - (b) 1 to 20 weight percent of at least one fatty alkanolamide and
 - (c) 1 to 15 weight percent of at least one fatty alcohol alkoxylate and/or fatty acid alkoxylate,the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) being equal to 4:1 to 1:3 and at the same time the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) being equal to 5:1 to 1:2.
2. (original) Dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, characterized in that the fatty alcohol (a) and the fatty acid alkanolamide (b) are present in a weight ratio from 3:1 to 1:2 and at the same time the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) is equal to 4:1 to 1:1.5.
3. (original) Dye carrier composition as defined in claim 1, characterized in that fatty alcohol (a) and fatty acid alkanolamide (b) are present in a weight ratio from 2.5:1 to 1:1 and at the same time the ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) is from 3:1 to 1:1.
4. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 3~~ claim 1, characterized in that the fatty alcohol (a) is selected from among cetyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, myristyl alcohol, isooctyl alcohol, isotridecyl alcohol and mixtures of these compounds.
5. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, characterized in that alkanol-amide (b) is selected from among the N-acyl derivatives of monoethanolamine or diethanolamine and the esters of monoethanolamine and diethanolamine.
6. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, characterized in that alkoxylate (c) is selected from the group consisting of fatty alcohol polyalkylene glycol ethers and fatty acid polyalkylene glycol esters with 8 to 30 carbon atoms in the fatty alcohol group or fatty acid group and with 2 to 300 alkylene glycol units in the polyalkylene glycol group.
7. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1, characterized in that it contains component (a) in a total amount from 6.1 to 25 weight percent.
8. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 7~~

claim 1, characterized in that it contains component (b) in a total amount from 1 to 20 weight percent.

9. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 8~~ claim 1, characterized in that it contains component (c) in a total amount from 1 to 15 weight percent.

10. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 9~~ claim 1, characterized in that besides the compounds of component (c) it contains additionally other nonionic and/or amphoteric surfactants.

11. (currently amended) Dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 10~~ claim 1, characterized in that it is free of monomeric quaternary ammonium compounds and cationic emulsifiers and surfactants.

12. (currently amended) Agent for oxidative coloring of hair, characterized in that it is obtained by mixing a dye carrier composition as defined in ~~one of claims 1 to 11~~ claim 1 with an oxidant.

13. (original) Agent as defined in claim 12, characterized in that the oxidant is hydrogen peroxide.

14. (original) Use of a combination of

- (a) at least one fatty alcohol with 14 to 20 carbon atoms,
- (b) at least one fatty acid alkanolamide and
- (c) at least one fatty alcohol alkoxylate and/or fatty acid alkoxylate, the weight ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkanolamide (b) in the dye carrier composition being 4:1 to 1:3 and at the same time the ratio of fatty alcohol (a) to alkoxylate (c) being equal to 5:1 to 1:2,

for producing a nacreous luster effect in dye carrier compositions and colorants for keratin fibers.